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Dear Hal,

The man who phoned me on Jim Eason's program the first Sunday in February, who rather suprisingly indentified himself as a homosexual, may now be able to help me, for I am interested in a man who has the appreciation of violence of which he spoke. I have given you his address if you do not have it, and his phone number. I spoke to him that p.m. from Harv's (what's with Harv?).

While I am not at all certain how, if at all, this new man fits, let me tell you about him, and perhaps you will also have other sources to tap.

His name is Bruce Owens. Or Owen. He used to live in New Orleans at 1031 Royal. He is the s of an s-m pair, the partner having been (or ebing) Judith Allen, a tall, thin, hungry-looking girl of whom I have a better description on a tape I haven't been able to transcribe. At one time she may have lived in New Orleans at 723 Ursulines. He was a thief in the Old French Opera House in New Orleans, although his official function was that of waiter. In short, he is also a professional thief. On the same tape I have a better description of him. Both descriptions are from those who knew them well. At one point they had a child, rapidly disposed of in order to present minimum interference with their proclivities.

In checking with an unofficial source in New Orleans, one for whom and for whose information I have the highest regard, I have just gotten this (anything in parens is my addition):

"Bruce Owens...Brother-in-law of Jim Poole's wife '61-62. Knew Thornley, Al Thompson, Vic Latham; all that crew Brother of Paul Owens "hisbend of Lyla Hay, who worked in Jim Garrison's office in '63. (Latham, former bartender at Bourbon house, as I recall it, according to new information I have, read ms of "The Idle Warriors", was that close to Thornley. I know of no one else who read this and who acknowledges it.) As of Dec. '67 address was 319 Divisadero St., San Fran. (and I think he should not be approached at this time, if that is still his pad.) and is operating a hippie crach pad. Think he also worked at Castillos(Carlos, "Castillo's Mexican Restaurent, 620 Conti St., who becomes of greater and greater interest - if he is not on the list I gave Bernardo he should be, as rapidly as possible. I was so tired that night I do not recall. There is much I can already say about him) but won't swear to it..but I connect him with it in some way.. Don't know about the parrot (often on shoulder) but did have earring, will check... also on Ruthie.."

First, the perhaps unnecessary injunction that these people enjoy what pains others! Second, although it is not of present top priority, it is the kind of think that sometimes must be approached slowly and carefully, and I hope that at least you can interest Moss, for I'd like to know all I can by the next time I go to N.O. If you can do anything on this, let me know and I'll tell you whatever I learn in N.O., if anything, this trip.

Kerry was a contributing editor os a newsletter called "Innovator" in LA. I have locals checking that out. I tell you in case you or friends of yours know anything about it or its other cont. ed., "El Ray" (sic), editor Robert Bray, contributor Jack Pierce, former LA cop (who I seem to recall as involved in some kind of a right-wing scandal).

Best to everyone,